REMARKS

In response to the PTO's Office Action dated June 19, 2006, Applicant here amends Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-20 to delete the term "abuts," and inserts the phrase "lies in substantially the same plane" to overcome the rejections set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Action. This amendment is supported by the drawings, Figs. 6 and 7, and the related disclosure in the specifications. In a telephone interview with Examiner Wimer on August 15, 2006, Mr. Wimer said that this amendment would resolve these issues.

Applicant's counsel would welcome a telephone conference with PTO Examiner Wimer to discuss any unresolved issue at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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